Remarks

Claims 1-12 and 14-21 are pending. Claim 21 is added and Claims 1, 8 and 14 are amended in this Amendment.

Claims 1-12 and 14-20 stand rejected under Section 102 as being anticipated by Henry (6,681,392) or under Section 103 as being obvious over Henry in view of admitted prior art.

Claims 1 and 8 have been amended to recite "associated peripheral software designed to accompany the device driver" and "completing installation of the device driver on the client computer" after installing the peripheral software. Similar amendments have been made to Claim 14. The first of these amendments incorporates into the claims the definition of associated peripheral software from the Specification. Support for these amendments may be found at pages 7-8 in the Specification. These amendments make it clear that (1) the peripheral software is separate from the driver but it is designed to accompany the driver and (2) installation of the driver is completed after installation of the peripheral software.

Henry discloses a software system running on a server computer that can install drivers and other programming for a peripheral on a client computer. In Henry, a script file may be used to identify the programs that will be installed on the client. Execution of the script file on the server, therefore, determines which programs will be installed on the client. There is nothing in Henry that teaches or suggests installing a program that is separate from a driver but designed to accompany the driver in response to initializing the driver on the client computer. There is also nothing in Henry that teaches or suggests completing the installation of a driver after installing a separate program installed in response to initializing the driver.

New Claim 21 recites a driver configured to read an installation description file configured to identify peripheral software and the installation method for the software, and invoke the installation of the software according to the installation method. No such driver is described in Henry.

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